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1. DRAFT AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL (DO NOT ENTER)

Message

Dear Examiner Tran:

Please find attached some proposed claims for Appl. No. 09/827,076.

I look forward to discussing this application with you on Friday, February 14, 2003, at 1:00 pm your time (10 am our time). I will plan on calling you for the interview, but if you need to get in touch with me for any reason you can reach me at (650) 324-6370.

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In re application of:

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Application No.:

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For:

TWO-DIMENSIONAL SPECTRAL

IMAGING SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 9, 10, and 58; and please add new claims 59-62 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A system comprising:

a plurality of labels generating identifiable spectra in response to excitation energy, wherein at least some of the spectra comprise a plurality of signals for each label, the plurality of signals defining a plurality of wavelengths, the wavelengths from the spectra being